



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, agriculture is Idaho's leading natural resource-based industry, contributing over \$4 billion annually to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, food processing is Idaho's second-largest manufacturing sector; and

WHEREAS, Idaho produces 144 different food and agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's food and agricultural producers and manufacturers produce to the highest quality standards; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans have an expressed desire to seek, purchase and consume food and agricultural products grown, raised and processed in the state of Idaho; and

*WHEREAS, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture has developed the **IDAHO PREFERRED**[®] branding program to identify and promote food and agricultural products from the state of Idaho; and*

WHEREAS, September is the peak of harvest season in the state of Idaho and fresh fruits, vegetables and other food products will be widely available at grocery stores, farmers markets, restaurants and school cafeterias; and

WHEREAS, citizens from across the state recognize the economic value of purchasing food and agricultural products that have been grown, raised or manufactured in the state of Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 2007 to be

IDAHO PREFERRED[®] MONTH



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho in Boise on this 7th day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred eighteenth.

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter is written over a large, faint "COPY" watermark. The signature is stylized and cursive.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A blue ink signature of Ben Ysursa is written over a large, faint "COPY" watermark. The signature is stylized and cursive.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE